IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| SYDNEY WATSON, | § |
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| Plaintiff, | § |
| | § |
| vs. | § CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:23-CV-00279-I |
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| BLAZE MEDIA, LLC, | § |
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| Defendant. | § |

<u>DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,</u> TO STAY PROCEEDINGS AND COMPEL ARBITRATION

Defendant Blaze Media, LLC ("Blaze" or "Defendant") moves the Court, pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, to dismiss, or, in the alternative, to stay this proceeding, and to compel Plaintiff Sydney Watson ("Watson" or "Plaintiff") to arbitrate her claims, as provided for in the arbitration provision of her Talent Services Agreement. In support of its motion, Blaze relies on the contemporaneously filed Brief and attached documentation. For the reasons explained more fully therein, Plaintiff agreed to arbitrate her claims and, therefore, cannot proceed with this case in federal court.

¹ The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 3, 4 allows for dismissal of the action. Defendant files this Motion to Dismiss in lieu of an Answer. Therefore, to the extent necessary, Defendant also brings this Motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(l) and/or 12(b)(6).

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I certify that on this 23rd day of March, 2023, the undersigned provided a copy of *Defendant's Motion To Dismiss Or, In The Alternative, To Stay Proceedings And Compel Arbitration* to counsel in this case via the U.S. Northern District of Texas ECF filing system as follows:

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